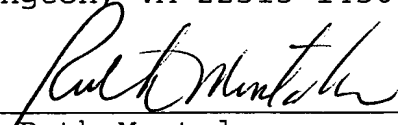


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The Listing of Claims set forth on the following pages includes an amended independent claim 38 and a new claim 65.